

UNIQUE CONTEST RESULT OF WAGER

Players at Pinehurst Try Improved Course "Cross-Country."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Pinehurst, N. C., January 29.—Fifteen strokes was the cross-country golf record from the Hotel Carolina to the second hole on the old golf course, as established by J. H. Gardner, C. H. Mathison, in a unique match with C. H. Mathison, of Ardley, who made the journey in seventeen strokes, the match being the result of a wager that the distance could not be covered in less than twenty-one strokes, under the usual medal play rule.

The route followed by Mr. Gardner was from the Carolina to Sinclair Colgate, thence to the road, thence down the road, passing the spring bungalow on the right-left, and striking through the grove near the Long Cabin studio.

A good-sized group followed the play, and "trouble" was not much in evidence. Mr. Gardner running up against several bad lies, and Mr. Mathison striking a couple of trees.

"Swatfist" Golf Is Popular. That the popularity of "swatfist" golf is not on the wane was demonstrated by the fifth of the tin whistle tournaments, in which forty-five participated.

Theoretically the field should have been made up on the basis of nineteen entries, the high score to be eliminated on each hole, thus leaving two to play and one to survive on the eighteenth, but the big field made the process of elimination more complicated, one man each being dropped on the first three holes, two each on the next three, three each on the balance, up to and including the sixteenth, one each on the seventeenth and eighteenth, leaving a single survivor who proved to be Henry C. Rownes, of Pittsburg, playing with a handicap of three, and who defeated Robinson, of New York, whose allowance was five.

C. L. Becker, of Boston, who played from scratch, and was dropped on the seventeenth, won third, E. S. Parnell, of New Haven, 4; Leland Ingersoll, of Cleveland, 5; and J. P. Gardner, of Chicago, 6, went out on the sixteenth green; Thomas J. Check, of New York, 7; Norwood Johnston, of Pittsburg, 8; and H. W. Ormsbee, of Pittsburg, 9, on the fifteenth; C. B. Johnson, of New York, 5; Lincoln C. Cummings, of Brooklyn, 2, and F. M. Belden, of Hartford, 14, on the fourteenth.

Throughout brisk competition ruled, forty-five balls being in play on the first hole, the crowd resembling a gallery at practice.

Washington & Lee Defeats Virginia

Fastest Game of Basketball Ever Seen at Lexington.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lexington, Va., January 29.—Washington and Lee's basketball team ran up a record of 35 to 21 against the strong Virginia aggregation to-night in the fastest game ever seen here.

Virginia drew first blood, when Spratt scored the first basket, but within minutes, when the home team rapidly forced ahead, the first half ending 18 to 9 in Washington and Lee's favor.

Virginia ran in Dulaney at center and the latter did some good work for his team, shooting four goals in this half. Spratt put up the stellar game for Virginia, but the great work of Captain Boyd, of Washington and Lee, was the feature of the game, his work at the basket being the best seen here. Burke and Craig also did fast work for Virginia, Cecil's playing at guard for Virginia was good. Final score—Washington and Lee 35, Virginia 21. Line-up: Virginia. Position: W. L. May (captain), right forward; Harris Spratt, left forward; Ford, center; Jones, left guard; Boyd (captain), Dulaney, right guard; Craig, left guard; Ashby, right guard; Glasgow, center; Williams (Va.), umpire.

Winchester Club of New Haven in Lead for High Score. Washington, D. C., January 29.—Results of the second round of matches in the indoor shoot of the United States Indoor Rifle Shooting League Friday night, tabulated here to-day by the National Rifle Association of America, show the Winchester Rod and Gun Club of New Haven, Conn., in the lead for high score, with a total of 970. The team matches resulted as follows:

Warren (Pa.) Rifle and Revolver Club won from the Fort Pitt Rifle Club, of Pittsburg, by four points; the Italian Rifle Association of New York won from the Los Angeles Rifle Club by twenty-nine points; Winchester Rod and Gun Club of New Haven won from the Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club by twenty-four points; Rocky Mountain Rifle Club of Butte, won from Triangleside Young Men's Christian Association Rifle Club of Los Angeles by 271 points; Miles Standish Rifle Club, of Portland, Maine, won

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V. P. I. TO BOOST TRACK ATHLETICS

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Manager Skinner is also negotiating with Clemons for a meet here, it is thought he can get the South Carolinians on Miles Field.

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Unprecedented interest is being shown in football by the college fans, representing the Eastern Division of the Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and from reports made last night by the managers of the football teams of Randolph-Macon, Richmond College, William and Mary and Hampton-Sidney it seems that the eleven greatest of championship games in the history of the association for supremacy next fall.

At the request of W. L. O'Flaherty, of Richmond College, the managers of the other three teams met last night for the purpose of arranging the details of championship games. The meeting was entirely harmonious and the statements of each was that the coaches are already looking about for material from which to choose the first team men.

Those present at the conference which was primarily for the arrangement of a schedule, were W. G. Dunnington, of Hampton-Sidney; R. B.

Thomas J. Lynch, of the National League, was some time ago known to the profession as the "king of umpires."

Most of his baseball experience was earned in active service as an umpire. He was never a player of the first magnitude, but as an official knew no peer in his day. He tells many interesting anecdotes of the diamond, and of his life in the game, apparently, being the recounting of reminiscences of his tempestuous career when an umpire had to stand on his nerve and resources alone.

"Nerve, they say, will carry you through anything, and I guess the logic isn't far misplaced," mused President Lynch about in his office in the St. James Building the other day.

"Now, I'm not handing myself any bouquets, you understand, and I'm not going to knock wood either, even if I do not feel like it. I'm not saying it is impossible to get the better of my nerves, but I do say so far in life I've never been seriously flustered. And I've passed through some tight old squeezes, that's that."

Umpiring Never a Clinch. "Umpiring never a clinch and never will be a clinch. You simply can't please everybody, and hence you please nobody. It's better, perhaps, now than it was in the old days, though goodness knows it will never be delightful. I always feel sorry for the young umpires breaking in. I was that myself, and I'm going to tell you about it for it made my reputation. I naturally take a great deal of credit for what the old-timers will remember perfectly, though if the road had been clear that day 'Tom Lynch,' king of umpires, might never have got more than an agate note."

"It all happened," pursued Mr. Lynch, "early in the season of 1887. That was the year Detroit won the pennant and world's championship. Boston had just purchased the great battery, John Clarkson and Mike Kel-

ly, from Chicago. They were the Mathewson and Kling of the age. Naturally, every team was out to beat the stellar pair.

"Boston was playing at Washington, and I was assigned there for the first time. I can see in my mind's eye right now how I looked. We had no protectors in those days, but wore tight-fitting coat and trousers with a stiff, wrinkled cap, and the color of the uniform happened this year to be gray. It looked much like the outfit worn nowadays by a letter carrier.

"Basking in the sun or loitering about on the grass near the home bench was a huge dog. I didn't notice him at the time, but they told me afterward he was one of the biggest and heaviest to be found in the country. He belonged to some enthusiast, and had been kept for a mascot.

Attacked by Mascot Dog. "The game went along exceptionally well for several innings, until a close decision was rendered at third. It was a close call, and naturally, I was called for resentment. The crowd almost to a man began to hiss. Every one supplemented the hissing with wild gesticulations. The dog had evidently never been up against any such sort of proposition.

"He sprang from the ground and began to leap and fro. This was the first glimpse I got of the huge brute. I tried to maintain my dignity, and in so doing attracted the attention of the great canine. Some wag in the bleachers hollered 'Slek 'em!' and the rest took it up. The dog dashed here and there, barking and growling. Finally he spotted my alien gray uniform, and with a roar bounded, open-mouthed, at me. I didn't run. I couldn't if I would. The dog came at me like the wind, half stopped when within a few yards, reared to his hind legs and lunged at my breast with his paws.

"The stands and bleachers were now horrified. Every one thought surely the dog would tear me to pieces. A pin dropping could have been heard. The dog settled his two front paws on my breast and half gazed, half stared into my startled eyes. His great, grinning teeth snapped like a steel trap almost in my eyes as he now and again emitted a short bark of apparent disapproval. I don't deny I was scared. But I was as much up against it as it is a bear reared in my path.

Made His Reputation. "For self-protection I gently grasped the dog's collar. He immediately submitted. I led him to the gate, my hands steady, and turned him out. As I came back that crowd that had hissed me a moment before rose in a mass and cheered and cheered for minutes. I had made my reputation. The next day one of the Washington papers came out with the following headline: 'Lynch, Rotten Umpire, but Game as a Pebble.'"

WILL HAVE TEAM ON TRACK HERE

Washington and Lee Relay Men Entered Against Maryland Agricultural College.

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Washington and Lee will enter a relay team against Maryland Agricultural College, and in addition make entries in the short dashes, hurdles and pole vault, and perhaps other events.

The men to form the relay team have not been selected yet, and will not be for some time, and, as the race is one of the main events, it is hoped that a good bunch of candidates will turn out so that a strong team may be picked to represent the White and Blue.

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